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Ref: Docket No. WS-03478A-08-0608

The request by Farwest Water & Sewer Company for an interim rate increase should be denied.

Farwest Water & Sewer Company has publically stated through the News Media that they are not insolvent. No determination has been made that they will be granted any rate increase what so ever.

Faarwest WATER & SEWER co. have created their own problems, if indeed any problem exists at all.


Farwest Water & Sewer Co together with its alter ego H&S Development have reaped more than substantial profits by developing hundreds of lots, while restricting the building on these same lots to the exclusive construction to H&S Development.

The lots and/or developments were sold at the increased value of lots with sewer service.

The owners of Farwest Water & Sewer Co. and H&S development absolutely knew ,or should have known, that the Sewer system was inadequate for the increased demands.

The most simple question did the owners of Farwest Sewer and H&S Development, who we believe are one and the same merely, grossly, mismanage the company while reaping the profits from the increased value of sewerred lots and homes or have they they learned well the lesson of asking the rate payers to foot the bill for their past, present and future development and profits.

In summary it would appear to a reasonable person that owners and managers of Farwest Water & Sewer and H&S Development have ,for what ever reason, cause or motive have created this situation and the rate payers should not be required to pay usuary charges and fees for the benefit of the very persons that have created the problem.

  
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Re: Docket NO. WS-03478A-08-0608  
(Far West Water & Sewer Company request for an emergency rate increase)

Far West Water & Sewer Company's emergency rate increase of more 100% is suspicious and I am sure they can prove this emergency beyond any doubt so we all will be happy. But my concern is it their sewer and water that is having financial problems or might it be their three banks like a lot of other banks in the country are experiencing.

These people own most of the open land in the east Foothills including a grocery store. Hardware store, service station, convenience store, shopping mall, 3 golf courses, a high end development and a new 200 lot development that is in phase one of 3 proposed.

Property is not selling here or anywhere for that matter and I'm sure they are having problems paying for their investments in these new areas. My question is: Is the existing sewer not paying for itself after all these years or do these people want the existing homeowners to pay for their new developments sewer hookups and treatment plants?

Most residents who own property here in the foothills are winter visitors and here for 6 months or less. In the past we have had to pay our sewer all summer long if we wanted to leave our water on to water our yards. The new proposed rates will be prohibitive for most of us who are on fixed incomes and Far West will lose far more money without the summer fees.

These "high rollers" have spent beyond their means and now are in financial trouble and want us, the current homeowners to bail them out with exorbitant monthly sewer fees.

My hope is you will take everything into consideration including the facts I mentioned above before you make your decision.

Sincerely,



Richard Kelly  
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February 18, 2009

Far West Water & Sewer Company  
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1200 W. Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Docket Number WS-0348A-08-0608

To Whom It May Concern;

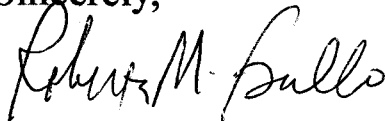
We are writing in concern of the rate increase requested by Far West Water and Sewer Company. Our full time residence is located in Yuma, Arizona. If the increase is approved and implemented, we will be effected due to our limited income.

Our only source of income is retirement pensions and making ends meet will be difficult. We feel this is just too much of an increase at this time of financial uncertainty.

With the cost of prescription medicine and other expenses, we will not be able to pay for such an increase. Please take this into consideration before you make this decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Your decision will greatly effect our lives.

Sincerely,



Jordan and Roberta Bullo  
13547 E. 49<sup>th</sup> Lane  
Yuma, Arizona 85367

# Arizona Corporation Commission Public Comment Form

## Step 1

*This form should be used for public comments pertaining to a specific pending case only. Please be sure to reference the appropriate docket number so your comments are filed in the docket promptly. Please use the Consumers Services Assistance Form for complaints, inquiries or general inquiries.*

## Step 2

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| YOUR NAME<br>Leonard LeCaptain   | DATE<br>2/24/2009   |
| ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP<br>11547 S. Glenwood Ave.                   | YOUR PHONE NUMBER<br>(928) 342-9338   |
| DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON:<br>Request for an Emergency Rate Increase | DOCKET NUMBER<br>WS-03478A-08-0608  |
| CASE OR UTILITY NAME<br>Far West Water and Sewer Co.                     | YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET<br>PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/> |
| YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS  |   |

## Step 3

ENTER YOUR COMMENTS HERE:

Far West Water and Sewer Co. (FWWS) submitted an application to the Arizona Corporation Commission claiming an "emergency" rate increase is necessary to keep them solvent. FWWS customers oppose this increase as it does not constitute an emergency and was brought on by a chronic history of violations culminating in their current crises. There was no "sudden change" as quoted by the company using "Op. Att'y Gen. 71-17 at 13," but rather a disregard for regulations, which likely resulted in abnormally low operating costs and may have exposed the public to hazardous conditions. Whereas proper compliance should have resulted in facility expansions paid for by each new development with appropriate maintenance and upgrade costs resulting in rates similar to compliant facilities. FWWS customers are not responsible for the company's crises. Approving the increase would reward the company's misconduct and may result in unacceptable financial hardship to its customers.

*If you need additional space for your comments, please use the continuation page below.*

## Step 4

*This form may be completed electronically, printed and mailed to:*  
Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007;

or

You may e-mail it as an attachment to:

[mailmaster@azcc.gov](mailto:mailmaster@azcc.gov)

Sincerely: Leonard LeCaptain 2/24/09